SENATE RESOLUTION #1980

Title: Support for ASUW Diversity Training

Date: March 23, 2001

Authors: United Multicultural Council, Non-Traditional Student Council

Sponsors: Senators Carter, Lance, Murphy, Partridge, West

1. WHEREAS, addressing the needs and concerns of underrepresented

2. populations is an obligation of the ASUW Student Senate; and

3. WHEREAS, diversity issues need to be incorporated into all Associated

4. Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) programs, services,

5. activities, and policies; and

6. WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 2 of the ASUW Constitution states "It

7. (ASUW Student Senate) shall have the authority to assume whatever

8. responsibilities it deems necessary to fulfill its obligations to the students";

9. and

10. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming statement on discrimination and

11. harassment states, "Campus environment characterized by diversity, free

12. inquiry, free expression and balanced by interpersonal civility has always

13. been and continues to be, a top priority of the University of Wyoming"; and

14. WHEREAS, creating such an environment should be a top priority of the

15. ASUW Student Government; and

16. WHEREAS, diversity training would help each member of the ASUW

17. Student Government enhance their ability to represent and interact with

18. students as a student leader; and

- 19. WHEREAS, the ASUW Senate Retreat currently does not consistently 20. include a diversity training; and 21. WHEREAS, the ASUW Senate retreats are an opportunity for all members of 22. the ASUW Student Government to come together and openly discuss diversity 23. issues; and 24. WHEREAS, the National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) offers 25. diversity training on the University of Wyoming campus; and 26. WHEREAS, the ASUW Student Government has used the NCBI model on 27. other occasions with great success; and 28. WHEREAS, the ASUW Student Government has supported diversity 29. training for new faculty "...to increase awareness and decrease insensitivity 30. toward underrepresented populations throughout the campus"; and 31. WHEREAS, the ASUW Student Government works to increase awareness 32. and decrease insensitivity toward underrepresented populations throughout 33. the campus. 34. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the ASUW Student Senate allocate at
- 35. least three hours of an ASUW Senate Retreat to the NCBI model diversity

36. training.

Referred to: Student Relations Committee

Date of Passage: April 3, 2001

Signed:

"Being enacted on April (6, 2001, I do hereby sign my name hereto and

approve this Senate action."